

WASHINGTON - U.S. Rep. Harry E. Mitchell today voted against the FY2011 Democratic budget resolution, H.Res. 1493, which set a discretionary spending limit of \$1.12 trillion for FY2011. The measure was narrowly approved by the House as part of a procedural vote on H.Res. 1500 by a vote of 215 to 210.

"The economic crisis has families worried about their financial future - they've had to tighten their belts, and Congress must do the same," said Mitchell. "While I appreciate that this resolution comes in under the amount requested by the President for next year, we need both Republicans and Democrats to work together to move more aggressively to bring the budget into balance. I am also disappointed that, yet again, the resolution does not seek to make recent cuts to capital gains and estate taxes permanent. We need to encourage job creating investment, not discourage it by letting these tax cuts expire."

Mitchell voted against Democratic budgets in 2009, 2008 and 2007, and is a cosponsor of H.J.Res.1, proposing a balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Last year, Mitchell and U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk, R-IL, introduced H.R. 498, the Capital Gains and Estate Tax Relief Act of 2009, to extend key tax cuts that are set to expire later this year. The bill establishes a \$5 million exemption for the estate tax by 2015 and indexes it for inflation beyond that. Additionally, it permanently reduces the capital gains tax to 15 percent.

In February, Mitchell and Rep. Don Manzullo, R-IL, wrote to House Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt, urging the inclusion of the Capital Gains and Estate Tax Relief Act in the FY2011 budget. [[Letter to Chairman Spratt](#) t, February 22, 2010]

Mitchell has also been an outspoken critic of pay raises for members of Congress, and has introduced legislation each year since being elected to stop them. Earlier this year he introduced H.R. 5146 with Rep. Ron Paul, R-TX, to stop members of Congress from receiving a raise in FY2011, which is now Public Law 111-165.

Mitchell, again, renewed his call for Republicans and Democrats to put partisanship aside and work together to demand greater accountability in government spending, cut government waste and extend tax relief to American families.

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